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SUBJECT: LUXEMBOURG WILL SEEK COMMON EU POSITION RE: IAEA
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Classified By: P/E Chief E. Thomas Boughter for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Pol/Econ officer delivered points contained reftel to the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) on 29 August. Our contact at the MFA took note of the U.S. position regarding an Israel-specific agenda item and told us that this was exactly the sort of topic on which Luxembourg believed there must be a common EU position. Luxembourg's goal would be to work towards a common position within the EU in advance of the GC. While confiding that it was Luxembourg's preference that there be only one, non-country specific agenda item on the Middle East, our contact made it clear that consensus was the goal for Luxembourg and that "it would not be the one to split the vote in the EU." Our contact opined that reaching a common position on this issue may be difficult due to the divergence of opinions, but said that he felt it would be impossible for some EU members, notably Germany, to vote anything other than "no action."

¶2. (C) COMMENT. While apparently sympathetic to the U.S. position of opposition to an Israel specific agenda item, Luxembourg will not take a stand on this issue within the EU but rather seek consensus, as always. If there is no EU common position going into the GC, a very real possibility according to our contacts, we believe that Luxembourg would vote "no action" on an Israel-specific agenda item.
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